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Reported from the Committee on Judiciary May 4, 2005, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 144 Do Pass. Referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 25(26)(f).

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 478.550, 478.570, and 478.600, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to judicial circuits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 478.550, 478.570, and 478.600, RSMo, are repealed and six new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 478.550, 478.570, 478.600, 1, 2, and 3, to read as follows:

478.550. 1. There shall be four circuit judges in the twenty-third judicial circuit consisting of the county of Jefferson. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three and four. **Beginning on January 1, 2007, there shall be six circuit judges in the twenty-third judicial district and these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four, five, and six. The division eleven associate circuit judge position and the division twelve associate circuit judge shall become circuit judge positions beginning January 1, 2007. The division eleven associate circuit judge shall be numbered as division five and the division twelve associate circuit judge shall be numbered as division six.**

2. The circuit judge in division three shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judges in divisions one and four shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1984. **The circuit judges in division five and six shall be elected for a six-year term in 2006.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

3. Beginning January 1, 2007, the family court commissioner position in the twenty-third judicial district appointed under section 487.020, RSMo, shall become an associate circuit judge position in all respects and shall be designated as division eleven. This position may retain the duties and responsibilities with regard to the family court. The associate circuit judge in division eleven shall be elected in 2006 for a full four-year term. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

4. Beginning January 1, 2007, the drug court commissioner position in the twenty-third judicial district appointed under section 487.003, RSMo, shall become an associate circuit judge position in all respects and shall be designated as division twelve. This position may retain the duties and responsibilities with regard to the drug court. The associate circuit judge in division twelve shall be elected in 2006 for a full four-year term. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

478.570. 1. There shall be two circuit judges in the seventeenth judicial circuit consisting of the counties of Cass and Johnson. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one and two.

2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judge in division one shall be elected in 1982.

3. Beginning on January 1, 2006, there shall be one additional associate circuit judge position in Cass County than is provided under section 478.320.

478.600. 1. There shall be four circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit consisting of the county of St. Charles. These judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three and four. **Beginning on January 1, 2007, there shall be six circuit judges in the eleventh judicial circuit and these judges shall sit in divisions numbered one, two, three, four, five, and seven. The division five associate circuit judge position and the division seven associate circuit judge position shall become circuit judge positions beginning January 1, 2007, and shall be numbered as divisions five and seven.**

2. The circuit judge in division two shall be elected in 1980. The circuit judge in division four shall be elected in 1982. The circuit judge in division one shall be elected in 1984. The circuit judge in division three shall be elected in 1992. **The circuit judges in divisions five and seven shall be elected for a six-year term in 2006.**

3. Beginning January 1, 2007, the family court commissioner positions in the eleventh judicial circuit appointed under section 487.020, RSMo, shall become associate circuit judge positions in all respects and shall be designated as divisions nine and ten respectively. These positions may retain the duties and responsibilities with regard to the family court. The associate circuit judges in divisions nine and ten shall be elected in 2006 for full four-year terms.

4. Beginning on January 1, 2007, the drug court commissioner position in the eleventh

judicial circuit appointed under section 478.003 shall become an associate circuit judge position in all respects and shall be designated as division eleven. This position retains the duties and responsibilities with regard to the drug court. Such associate circuit judge shall be elected in 2006 for a full four-year term. This associate circuit judgeship shall not be included in the statutory formula for authorizing additional associate circuit judgeships per county under section 478.320.

Section 1. Beginning January 1, 2007, there is hereby created a state-funded family court commissioner position in the twenty-ninth judicial circuit.

Section 2. Beginning January 1, 2007, there is hereby created a state-funded drug court commissioner position in the forty-second judicial circuit.

Section 3. Any drug court commissioner authorized pursuant to section 478.001, RSMo, and appointed in the twenty-third judicial circuit pursuant to section 478.003, RSMo, shall be a state-funded position.

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